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Curriculum Vitæ

Flavio Mariani was born on the 23rd of July 1983 in Foligno, a town in the center of Italy. Between 1997 and 2002 he attended Liceo Scientifico G. Alessi in Perugia, where he developed an interest in physics and informatics.

After an initial attraction to Engineering, he, soon after, turned to Physics, after realizing that he felt more attracted to the study of its laws. He obtained his bachelor degree in 2005 with a project conducted at a neutron spectrometer at the Institute Laue-Langevin in Grenoble.

He moved to Parma for his Master's degree in Solid State Physics. During these years he was active in the University Student Union as member of the executive board and elected student representative in the Academic Senate. He completed his Master's degree in 2012 with a research project on the vibrational properties of porphyrin molecules used as functionalization on core-shell SiC nanowires, under the supervision of prof. L. Cristofolini and prof. G. Salviati.

Interested in continuing in research in Europe, he moved to the Netherlands in June 2012 to join the Quantum Optics Group at Leiden University. Under the supervision of prof. M. P. van Exter he started an experimental project on random scattering media. During his graduate studies he learned cleanroom techniques for sample fabrication, performed numerical simulations of light scattering on nanostructures, designed and executed optical experiments on nanostructures comprising plasmonic hole-arrays, 3D scattering media and two dimensional textured silicon solar cells. Part of this research was done in collaboration with other research groups within the national research program "Stirring of Light!".

Following his personal passion for space, Flavio's career continues today as an optical engineer within the Earth Observation Programme of the European Space Agency (ESA).

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